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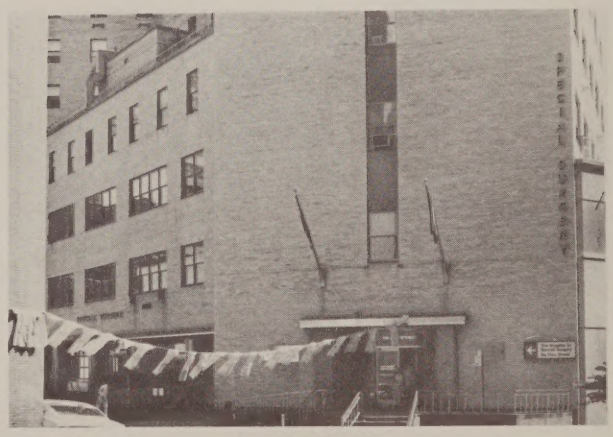
GRADUATION EXERCISES

On Thursday evening, September 2nd, 1976, The Hospital for Special Surgery School of Practical Nursing held graduation exercises for the twenty-two graduates of the Class 49.

Dr. Robert Lee Patterson, Surgeon-in-Chief,Emeritus, of the Hospital for Special Surgery addressed the graduating class and it's guests. Dr. Patterson received a standing ovation for his speech honoring the nursing profession.

Mrs. Robert Lee Patterson then presented the awards. The Ann Roberts Award was bestowed upon Mrs. Karen Trimboli, who, in the opinion of the faculty, was considered the best student nurse. She was given a pair of golden bandage scissors and a United States Savings Bond.

The Joanie Reibscheid Award for scholastic achievement was presented to Miss Rosemary DiGeorgio, for the highest theory average.



Pink Wash Display of Uniforms

Nine of the graduates received honorable mention for maintaining an average of ninety or above for the entire school year.

Mr. Christopher Wilbur, Associate Director of Special Surgery greeted the graduates in the absence of Mr. Young. Mr. Wilbur congratulated the Class, and thanked them for their "pink wash" which livened up the driveway.

CLASS 49

REPORT ON FRESH AIR HOME

submitted by Alice Woo, Director of Social Work

On June 28th, 1976, 60 HSS young patients boarded two chartered coaches and headed for the *Southampton Fresh Air Home* for eight weeks of supervised group living away from their economically and socially disadvantaged homes. For some children, it was the first camp experience. The rest are repeat campers, whose high spirit and eagerness indicated that they looked forward to a happy and exciting camp period ahead of them.

The children are selected each year by the Social Work Department, based on the patient's need for socialization, independence and compatibility. Early separation is particularly important with physically handicapped children, so that they have a chance to learn how to do things for themselves. While at home, their parents tend to be either overprotective or neglectful in the upbringing of their handicapped child. Special needs are emphasized in each child's social summary to the camp.

This year, among the 60 children attending the camp, the breakdown according to diagnosis was as follows:

6 Muscular Dystroply patients	2 Scoliosis patients
6 Juvenile Arthritis patients	6 Children's Hip patients
2 Amputee patients	7 Meningomyelocle patients
5 Osteogenesis Imperfecta pts.	4 Children's Foot patients
22 Cerebral Palsy patients	

A good number of the children attending the summer camp are on a physical therapy program either at HSS or at home; eight weeks of interruption could mean serious setbacks. For the past year, Mrs. Barbara Bedell and Mrs. Alice Woo, Director of our Social Work Department, have worked closely with the camp to justify the addition of a Registered Physical Therapist and the erection of a therapeutic pool with underwater equipment. The addition of an RPT was finally approved, but it was too late for recruitment.

For the first time since its inception, the Fresh Air Home was reimbursed for the cost of food by the State Department of Education in conjunction with the State Department of Agriculture. This was only accomplished after the Social Work Department of Special Surgery sent written proof that more than one third of the campers are receiving public assistance. The camp received $10,000; and will receive $10,000 each year hereafter.

Hurricane Belle paid a visit to Southampton this summer, and the camp was without water and electricity for two days. The children were not harmed and the only damage occured when some trees fell down and broke a few window panes. The local fire department came with a fire truck full of wager, and the Long Island Lighting Company gave enough juice to the kitchen area to prevent food spoilage. The news of The Home without electricity and water was very upsetting to the community who view HSS patients as their residents. The Elks Club donated an auxiliary generator to the Home, so that the children will not suffer this inconvenience in the future.

GARAGE CARNIVAL

On Saturday, September 18th, 1976 the Recreation Department and Public School #402 organized the fourth annual Hospital for Special Surgery "Garage Carnival." The day was a big success, with an estimated 250-300 children in attendance.

Once again, our"special" guests -- the children from the New York Foundling Home and Hospital, seemed to really enjoy their visit to HSS. The day was filled with wonderful entertainment and carnival fun and games. *The Sunshine Orchestra* provided fabulous rock musci for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure. *Bucky and Shelly* -- our favorite clowns, returned for the fourth year in a row and elicited as many laughs and smiles as ever. A newcomer -- *Joey, Joey, Cha, Cha, Cha*, an adorable curly-haired puppet brought wide-eyed amazement and excitement as he showed-off his new sneakers and talked with the children about themselves.

Carnival booths, balloons, arts and crafts tables; prizes, games and contests, heightened the party atmosphere.

There were cartoons and a special storyteller to add even more to the success of the occasion.

Last, but certainly not least, there was an abundance of hot dogs, soda, potato chips, ice cream, *McDonalds'* cookies and, an added surprise -- cotton candy! Everyone truly seemed to enjoy themselves. From one and all who attended,

THANK YOU HSS!!!

INSIDE TALK

Welcome to the following new employees:

Kathleen Galvin, Elliott Judin, Mary Nulty, Accounting; *Lena Morris, Paz Reselosa*, Building Service; *Mary Loud*, Communications; *Rose Marie Pellecchia*, Engineering; *Pauline Binder, Cveta Karadza, Joyce Lawrence, Luciana Lewin*, Food Service; *Steven Janda, Lois Shukovsky*, Laboratory; *Iris Muniz*, Medical Education; *Catherine Batista, Eileen Higgins, Deborah Morgan*, Medical Records; *Mary Ellen Argenti, Leslie Bruno, Irma Chase, Carla Christensen, Debra Ciaccio, Frances Curiazza, Barbara Finnin, Eileen Fox, Linda Gillen, Nancy Hood, Kathleen Keegan, Ursula Masterson, Patrice McGorry, Lynn Roles, Grace Ryan, Irma Unger*, Nursing; *Mary Ruth Lee*, Nursing Education; *Lloyd Dawes, Josias Pierre*, Receiving & Stores; *Shirley Sellers, Josephine Traversa*, Research.

We wish to welcome the following to the Biomechanics Department: *Dr. Albert Burstein*, Director; *Dr. Timothy Wright, Dr. Peter Torzilli, Dr. James Otis*, Research Associates; from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to *Patricia Dempsey*, Laboratory, on her marriage to Mr. Jim Clark.

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to *Linda Strobel*, Nursing, on her recent engagement to Tom Fitzsimmons.

BIRTHS

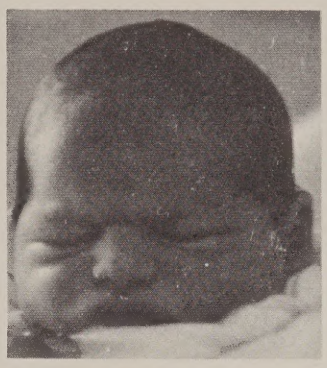
Congratulations to *Carol & John Zinno* on the birth of their son, John Kenneth, 5 lbs., 13 oz., born July 19th.

Congratulations to *Pat Richardson*, Nursing, and her husband, on the birth of their son, September 13th.

Congratulations to *Ursula Marsico*, formerly of General Accounting, who gave birth to a baby girl on August 29th.

Congratulations to *Margaret Diaz-Cruz*, Social Work, and her husband, on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Christine, born October 2, 1976.

Congratulations to *Dr. & Mrs. Peter Hughes*, on the birth of their son, Timothy William, September 14th.



Timothy William
8 lbs., 1 oz.

ILLNESSES

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to *Frances O'Hare*, Food Service; *Grethel Joseph, Christena Lundy, Arlelia Sligh, Monica Bondoc*, Nursing; *Michael Aglione*, Pharmacy; *Reinaldo Martinez*, Rehab. Medicine; *Carmen Lopez*, Research, *Diane Vitale*, Utilization.

Welcome back to *Marie Walsh*. Due to plenty of T.L.C. from the HSS staff, she was back to work in no time.

DEATHS

Sincere condolences to *Michael Aglione*, Pharmacy, on the loss of his brother Frank.

Deepest Sympathy to *Helen Rapier*, Food Service, on the death of her father.

Condolences to *Annie O'Rourke*, Nursing, on the loss of her aunt.

Our sympathy to *Olivine Lettsome*, Nursing, whose grandmother recently died.

The children returned on August 23, 1976, all looking well, healthy and happy. The individual camp reports described each child's behaviour in their group environment. Some exhibited leadership qualities and some were followers. All the children were taught to be assertive, accept responsibilities, learn good hygiene habits, as well as how to interact with their peers. Although eight weeks is not a long time in a child's life, the feeling of self-worth, being accepted, and the sense of accomplishment is going to leave an imprint in the character-building of these children as they grow up.

OTHER NEWS

The General Accounting Office (Payroll) has moved to 410 East 62nd Street, Room 702. Mail can be left at the Information Desk at the following times for prompt delivery to the General Accounting Office:

9:30 AM
12:50 PM
3:20 PM

Congratulations to *Deborah Nowlin*, Radiology, who received her High School Equivalency Diploma.

Congratulations to *Nidia Rodriquez*, Radiology, newly appointed to the position of Secretary.

Congratulations to *Efrain Pagan*, Prosthetics and Orthotics, who received his Certification in Orthotics on September 27, 1976.

Mr. Joseph Weiss, Director of Engineering, has been appointed to three committees of the National Fire Protection Association -- Hyperbaric and Hypobaric Facilities; Respiratory Therapy; and Safe Use of High Frequency Electricity in HCF. Congratulations.

Ms. Judith Kurtz, Administrator of Rehabilitation Medicine, has been appointed a member of the Professional Advisory Board of the Visiting Nurse Service. Congratulations to Ms. Kurtz!

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons has just announced that *Dr. Aaron Posner*, Head of the the Ultrastructural Biochemistry Department, has been selected as Recipient of The Kappa Delta Award for Research in Orthopaedics. Dr. Posner will deliver a lecture on his research and receive the award at the February 1977 meeting of the Academy in Las Vegas, Nevada.

GIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS SALE

The Annual Hospital Gift Shop Christmas Sale will be held in the Lobby on Wednesday, November 10th, and Thursday, November 11th, from 11AM to 4PM. The sale will later continue in the Shop until Xmas.

The following are just some of the items you will find, available at reasonable prices: Needlepoint kits from Mazaltov, decorative desk accessories, signature scarfs, aprons with amusing slogans, costume jewelry, french oven to table ware, stationery, men's & women's travel cases, wallets, gloves, lucite canes, toys, etc.

There will of course, be the ever popular baked goods table with donations from individuals and the famous Bonte.

REMEMBER: Your Purchase Helps the Hospital